

### Messages from Jacqui

#### NAPLAN

Last week the grade 3 and 5 students received their NAPLAN results. As a school, we were very proud of the efforts of each child. As a staff, we constantly review our program to ensure that we are supporting the learning of each student. The NAPLAN results provided the staff with an opportunity to acknowledge their efforts and the strength of the individualised approach to learning which we have at Christmas Hills Primary School as well as identify some areas where we can improve.

#### Thank you

As a small school we work closely with the wider community to support the learning of our students so I would like to take this opportunity to thank some of the community groups who are helping us make CHPS such a wonderful place to learn.

**Christmas Hills CFA** work in constant partnership with the school to help us ensure we are fire ready. This includes some exciting events which are being planned for next term.

**Nillumbik Council** has provided us with a grant for Walk to School month in October. We will be using this grant to assist with an excursion on 30<sup>th</sup> October which will provide students with the opportunity to connect their learning in Inquiry to real world contexts as well as enjoy some of the local walks which we are so fortunate to have in our area.

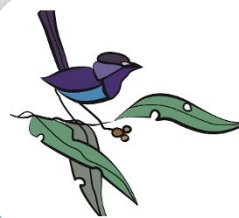
**Eltham Bunnings** have also donated some plants to our school to help extend our veggie garden and fruit trees available in our school. They will be coming to the school to support us with planting on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

It is wonderful to have so many organisations and community groups supporting our school, it certainly enriches the learning experiences for all our students at CHPS and is appreciated by all.

#### Attendance

Unfortunately, attendance is a significant issue in our school at the moment. Whilst we understand that at times students may be unwell or families may have other events arise that mean that students are unable to attend school, however this should be reduced where at all possible. Our latest attendance data shows that over 50% of our students have been absent for 1 day per week this term. This equates to 8 full weeks of school a year, or 56 weeks of primary school which is more than a full school year. Please remember that every day counts and it is a legal requirement that students attend school. If there is anything the school can do to further support your child to ensure they are attending please let Jacqui know.

Thank you to those families who have very few absences over the year.



### Important Dates for 2019

#### Curriculum Day

Friday 1st November

#### Term Dates

T3: Mon 15th July - Fri 20th Sept

T4: Mon 7th Oct - Fri 20th Dec

The last day of term is always a 2:30pm finish, with the exception of Friday 20th Dec when we finish at 1:30pm.

#### Coming up:

Wednesday 18th September—  
Footy Fun Day and Sausage Sizzle Lunch

Tuesday 17th September  
9—10am—Prep Transition Day

October 8—16th—Somers Camp  
Grades 5 & 6

#### CHIRPS ALERTS

Arlo—for showing CARING and RESPECT by taking your class-room responsibility seriously and taking care of our classroom.

Emily—for your INQUISITIVE nature. You always try to take your learning further, well done!

Hazel—for being a CARING class-mate and buddy and helping your sister with transition.

Skye—for showing RESPECT by being more considerate of the way you speak to others.



## Taco Tuesday

Yesterday was Taco Tuesday which was another terrific experience for all of our students and one which made me feel so fortunate to be part of a small school where these opportunities are possible. We worked together to make the tacos and then enjoyed eating them while all sitting around the table and engaging in conversation. Thank you to Carla for all the organization which went into this event which also supports our chicken program.



## Author Excursion

Last Thursday we had a fantastic time at St Andrews Primary School. We spent the morning listening to Martin Chatterton, an author/illustrator of many children's books. Martin has illustrated more than 100 fiction and non fiction titles and has written and illustrated more than twenty of his own titles. He even showed off some of his drawing skills on Micky and Leahanne!



## STEM

It's been another fun packed fortnight in STEM!

Last week we explored the force! Check out how it works on <http://sugarloafstem.global2.vic.edu.au/category/weekly-s-t-e-m-summary/>

Do you follow the 5 Second rule? Well we explored how true it is last week! <http://sugarloafstem.global2.vic.edu.au/category/weekly-s-t-e-m-summary/>



